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- Welcome and Introduction
- MnDOT Updates
- Walk Bike Fun Ambassador Training
- St Paul Stop For Me Campaign
- Announcements





Planning Assistance Solicitation

Upcoming Webinar: Nov. 5th @ 11am

Deadline January 4th

SRTS Planning Assistance Grants:

https://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/planning-grants.html

Webinar on Planning Assistance:

Monday, November 5, 2018

11am Central Time

For Audio call Conference Call Line: 1-888-742-5095 Code: 928-208-6172

For Visual Join Skype Meeting

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https://meet.lync.com/mn365/dave.cowan/C013PH8D



SRTS State and TAP Infrastructure Solicitation and Letters of Intent LOI Deadline: October 31st

https://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/infrastructure.html

Infor re: Ordinance requirement http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/documents/grant-eligibility-changes.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=gov delivery&utm_term=





November call will announce winner and share stories from 2018 Oct walk bike to school day.





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[Talking Points]

"The purpose of the Walk! Bike! Fun! (WBF) Ambassadors program is to support organized youth education initiatives around walking and biking. The goal of this resource is to meet the needs of communities by providing information, training, and guidance on best practices to a **group of enthusiastic adult volunteers**.

The intended audience for this resource guide is adults who are willing to provide or support Safe Routes to School education to youth. We recognize that valuable lessons learned often happens in informal settings, such as Bike Rodeos and Walking School Busses. This guide should prepare adults to implement programs and activities that reinforce concepts and objectives of the complete WBF curriculum being taught in schools and a Safe Routes to School Plan being implemented in the community.

These activities can be done in conjunction with an existing WBF program, or as standalone efforts. The guide contains background on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, including external references, which provide important context for these supporting activities. We believe and the research indicates that the effects of these efforts are maximized when combined with other initiatives as part of a comprehensive SRTS plan."

Ambassador's Guide: Content

- Introduction: Safe Routes to School
- I: Ambassador Training 101
- II: Walk! Bike! Fun! Essentials
- III: Walking School Busses
- IV: Bike Trains
- V: Mapping
- VI: Walk! Bike! Rodeo
- VII: Appendices



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- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a comprehensive approach to make it safer and easier for students to walk and bicycle to school. SRTS focuses on students, school zones, and priority routes but provides benefits to the greater community.
- Walk! Bike! Fun! Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Curriculum addresses the "Education" aspect of a comprehensive SRTS program.
- The Walk! Fun! and Bike! Fun! lessons teach children skills for independent mobility within their community



The purpose of this section is to identify the most essential concepts of the WBF curriculum, and present this information to a youth audience in a condensed lesson format.

Suggested formats: after-school childcare presentation, summer library program, Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts meetings or large group lyceum presentations



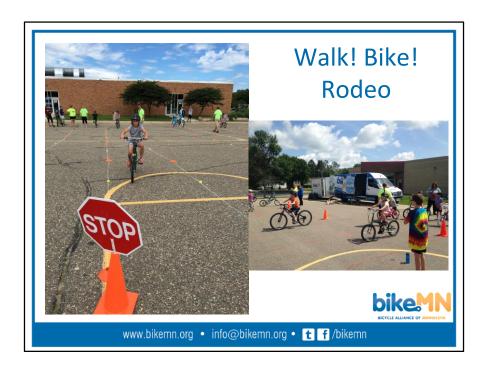
For many parents, safety concerns are one of the primary reasons they are reluctant to allow their children to walk to school (Martin & Carlson, 2005). Providing adult supervision may help reduce those worries and meet the needs of families who live within walking or bicycling distance of school.

A "walking school bus" is a program for organizing students in a neighborhood along a route to school to walk with adult supervision to school by walking.

For families that live too far to walk from home, remote bus or car parking and meeting locations offer a way for them to participate in a walking school bus.



Bike trains enable students to get to school while enjoying the outdoors and the company of other bicyclists. Best suited for children in upper elementary and middle school grades, bike trains are led by adults—one at the front and one at the rear of the train—that accompany students as they bike to and from school. From one or two neighbors biking together to a route with multiple "stations" where more riders join in, bike trains can be a great way to instill a love of bicycling while developing life-long safety skills.



A "Walk! Bike! Fun! Rodeo" is a skill-building clinic developed for the purpose of teaching children basic walking and bicycle-riding to practice and develop effective skills.

Expected Outcomes

GOAL: Provide a chance to learn, practice, and demonstrate skills in a fun, noncompetitive atmosphere.

Participants should:

Educate: Increase knowledge about traffic safety, walking, and bicycling.

Train: Transfer the knowledge to the practice of skills and decision-making while walking or riding a bicycle; and

Motivate: Energize and excite participants to want to learn more and to engage in walking and bicycling.



This section is intended for people who are interested in developing walking and biking route maps but don't have previous map making experience or access to sophisticated map making tools. It describes the different types of maps you can create to support your program, with a focus on arrival and dismissal maps and walking and bicycling route maps. It then provides step-by-step instructions for how to build route maps using widely available programs such as Google Maps and Microsoft PowerPoint.

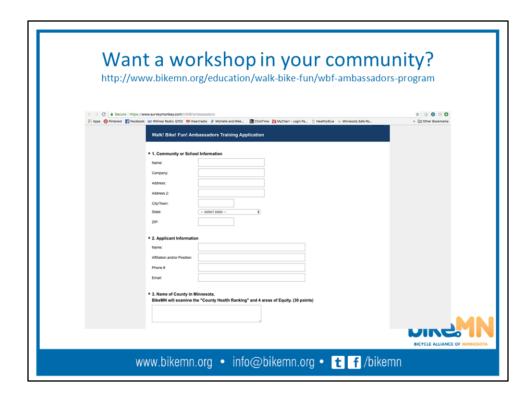
It is essential that you test potential routes before putting them on your map. Walk or bike the routes as appropriate, first by yourself and then with a student of average age and ability. Doing so will give you a better sense of how long the routes take, how suitable they are for the target age group, and whether any adjustments are needed.

Ambassador Workshop

- . 3 4 hours, customizable to your needs
- Late afternoon early evening or Saturday morning
- Youth organization leaders, community educators, high school students, adult volunteers
- . "Classroom" and hands-on activities



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http://www.bikemn.org/education/walk-bike-fun/wbf-ambassadors-program

Ambassador Kits

- Safety vests, spray chalk, spray chalk wand, sidewalk chalk, cones, bike pump with gauge, multi-tool, rubbermaid tote box, and stop/slow signs
- Walk! Bike! Fun! stickers, posters, bookmarks and bike lights
- . \$300 value! FREE!

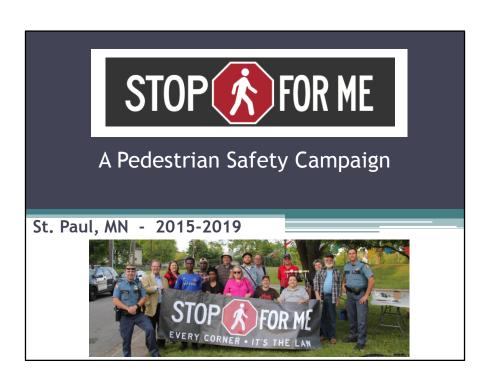


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request a workshop, review the guide, or ask for a ambassadors kit here --> http://www.bikemn.org/education/walk-bike-fun/wbf-ambassadors-program



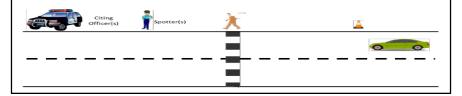


History of the Campaign

- Fall 2014, MN Office of Traffic Safety Opportunity
 - Enforcement by Police at various locations
 - Low impact / effectiveness
 - Met with St. Paul District Councils and a group of passionate pedestrian safety advocates
 - August 2 8, 2015 = Pedestrian Safety Week (16 events)
 - High impact / effectiveness
- 2016 Grant Cycle
 - · Community Meeting at SPPD West District for planning
 - 60 community crosswalk safety events conducted
 - Safe Routes to School (City Council Funded 2 years)
- 2017 Grant Cycle
 - Stop for Me Steering Committee & District Councils
 - 100 + community crosswalk safety events
 - 2nd year of Safe Routes to School funding
- 2018 Grant Cycle
 - U of M Project
 - · On-Duty Safe Routes to School activities, planning & meetings
 - 150 + crosswalk enforcement events (Majority were U of M project)

What is a Pedestrian Safety Event?

- Community Led Initiative
 - Plain clothes officer leads community members across the street
 - Uniformed officers stop violators who fail to stop for the pedestrians that are legally crossing the street
 - Safe stopping distance (141 Feet, signal timing)
 - Education of pedestrians (realistic expectations)
 - Reports / statistics engineering discussions, results



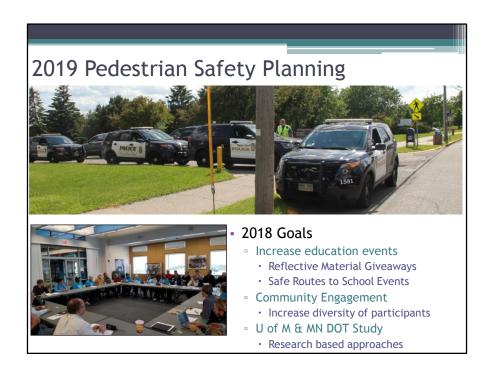
2016-2019 Pedestrian Safety Events 2019* **Goal Number of Events** Actual Number of Events Citations Issued for Failure to Stop for Pedestrian Citations issued for Other Violations Warnings Issued for Failure to Stop for Pedestrians Warnings Issued for Other Violations

U of M & MnDOT Study - Preliminary

- Studied 16 intersections and found average yield rate starting at 31% in April, 2018 and ending at 75% in October, 2018.
- Over 11% of crossings involved a multiple threat crash hazard
 - Researchers were surprised by how frequently this occurred
- Enforcement alone will not solve this problem
 - Engineering Solutions
 - Maryland Ave Study: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4heApPJ_8YA
 - Sustained Education & Enforcement







31% yield rate, some worse (18%); Snelling & Fairmount 51% ; Snelling Median; SRTS Fed Funding

Safe Routes to School Walk to School Day Events

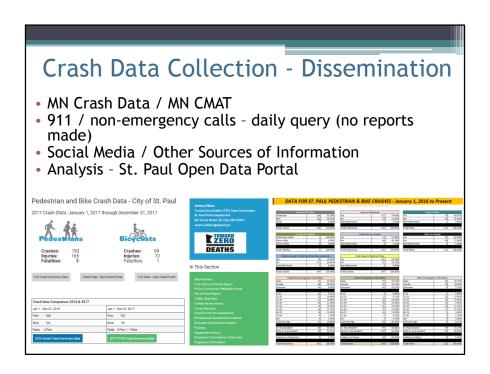
- Walk to School Day Events
 Fall & Spring
 Remote Bus Drop Off

 - More schools participating each year
- Complaint based responses
- SRTS plans









SPPD is continuing to collect crash data from the traditional and non-traditional sources



Speed, Distracted Driving, Ped Safety related

Example of Success

- Community Engagement & Partnerships
 - Marion & Ravoux Needed improvements
 - Partnerships
 - AARP Grant opportunity
 - St. Paul & Ramsey County Public Works
 - Stop For Me
 - Meaningful Change!



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEAS

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St. Paul Projects Awarded AARP Community Challenge Grants

St. Paul — AARP Mannesota announced today that two St. Paul projects were among the winners of the <u>AARP Community Challenge.</u> The nationwise AARP initiative was aimed at creating change and improving quiting of the at the community devel. The winning projects are the City of St. Paul Public Works Department and the St. Paul Destrict of Flancing Council. Each project was fully funded through the AARP Community

"Exoreting in community properts that make our neighborhoods more walkable and welcoming was an opportunity to grant to past up;" and Will Phillips, AREP Minnesota Director. "Flot our uprinsighy Minnesot was one of the top states in terms of the sumber and strength of applications. That allowed our state two-opportunities to make application community improvements."

the City of St. Fmil Fublix Works received \$20,0000 to create a more livable, walkable and enjoyable ommunity by improving the sifety of two immarked pedestrian crossings along Marion St. between St. Anthony Ave. and Striventy. Long-term temporary crownals safety rehatments will also be implemented at the Marion St. and <u>Surrous</u> St. and Marion St. and Fuller St. intersections in order to improve cores to but store abour Marion.

The Dirinct Financia Council project will necew's 20,000 to install time permanent. "message centers" about the Rice St. comdon in the North that will be used to display multilingual community and event information. The North End six one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the state, with 42% of residents speaking a language other than English.

Advocacy & Engagement Officer Nancy Leakford. These quick action projects will give community leade the motivation and momentum to create greater change."

- All of the winning projects in this challenge will deliver on one or all of the following:

 Improve social connections through the built environment benefiting people of all ages and abilities in
- Expand opportunities for all residents, such as job, volunteer, and educational/training opportunities
 Dave inclusive community engagement and interaction across a diverse occulation.





County – push pedestrian safety messages

Best Practices

- Education + Enforcement = Changing Behavior
 - St. Paul Police Department provide enforcement
 - St. Paul District Councils & Community Volunteers provide education
- More than 1 E to solve the problem
 - Work closely with Engineering
- · This is a Statewide issue, not just St. Paul
 - Partnerships with other jurisdictions, non-government organizations and community engagement throughout the state





Another goal for the campaign is to incorporate engineering solutions for pedestrian safety

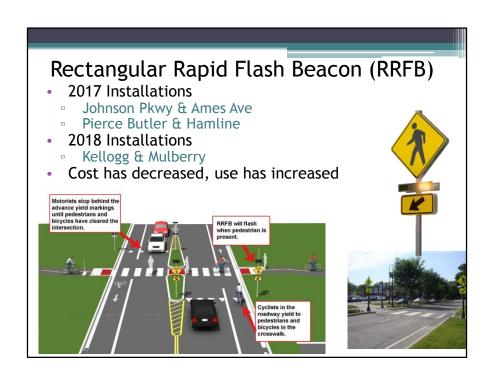
Lighting, painting, striping, etc. – suggestions by community, good example showing that city listens to the community

Engineering

- Test installations lead to permanent solutions
 - 4 to 3 Lane Conversion
 - Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI)
 - Curb extensions & bump outs
 - Gateway treatment







Future Engineering Goals

- Use research based solutions
 - U of M / MnDOT study
- Complete Citywide Pedestrian Plan
- High Percentage of Crashes continue to occur on State and County roads
 - Increase engagement of partners to make meaningful changes
- Safe Routes to Schools
 - Continue to work with partners and engage schools to complete SRTS plans









Resources & Contact Information

- Kevin Gallatin (Highland District Council Transportation Chair)
 - KevinGallatin00@gmail.com
- Jeremy Ellison (St. Paul Police Dept. TZD Grant Coordinator)
 - Jeremy.Ellison@stpaul.gov
- Kat Brown (St. Paul Police Dept. TZD Ped Safety Coordinator)
 - Kathleen.Brown@stpaul.gov
- MN DOT Banner / Ped Safety Cards (Share the Road Materials)
- Crosswalk Event Tool Kit (MN DOT / St. Paul Specific)
- Police Operations Plan (sample)
- · Hi Visibility Enforcement Signs
- Compliance Rate Tally Sheets
- Volunteer Sign-In Sheets
- · Safety Tips / Briefing Sheet for Volunteers
- Contact us We Will Share

Websites / Resources:

http://stopForMe.org http://www.facebook.com/StopForMeStPaul



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https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214140517306540



Make Health Equity Your Business Landing Page:

www.bluecrossmn.com/health-equity

Individual Video Links to Share:

Healthy Equity Animated: Equity vs. Equality

https://youtu.be/tZd4no4gZnc

Health Equity Animated: Race https://youtu.be/PTaLFmnS jo

Health Equity Animated: **Income** https://youtu.be/p9BZHz-duMw

Health Equity Animated: **Gender** https://youtu.be/IKboL0tgWdk

Health Equity Animated: **Zip Code** https://youtu.be/v GfpuavbIU

Health Equity Animated: **The Cost of Health Inequity** https://youtu.be/HJeUnHGE4IE

The Health Equity Animated Series: **Behind the Scenes** https://youtu.be/YY10v-EyiBs

YouTube Video Playlist:

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZd4no4gZnc\&list=PLprkwWlk8QvlzD8hlxzPzbn2ua}\underline{d-Lluj9}$



The Center for Prevention is launching a new podcast!

First episode came out March 20, and focused on trends and traditions in health, and how they shift across generations. And we'd like to hear from you, or friends, family, students, teachers... Please call us at 1-877-972-7563 and share your thoughts in 30 - 60 seconds on when and how you learned about being healthy. Don't forget to give us your full name and phone number so we can contact you to follow up on your story. We look forward to hearing your stories.

The State We;re In: Please call us at 1-877-972-7563. Tell us a time when you or someone you know felt othered and how it affected your health. What does it mean for you to feel like you belong? Why do you think it's important to belong to one another?

https://www.centerforpreventionmn.com/podcast

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WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DATES:

OCTOBER 10TH, 2018

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2019

MAY 8TH, 2019



Bike/Walk to School Day registration is open for October 10th - http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/registration/



January 18 SRTS in Large School Districts and Minneapolis New SRTS Action Plan



